(b) if so, whether Government propose to engrave the names of soldiers, who laid down their lives in 1948, 1962, 1971 and Kargil war, at public places; and

(c) if so, the roadmap thereof; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) India Gate is an "All India War Memorial" to honour all the war dead of India who fell in 1914-1918 war. Besides, there is Amar Jawan Jyoti to commemorate the unknown soldiers, who laid their lives for the country in any war. Other than that, there is no other National War Memorial at present;

(b) and (c) The issue of setting up of National War Memorial is under serious consideration of the Government. As soon as the Ministry of Urban Development allocates a suitable plot of land for the same, acceptable to the Defence authorities, the work on the project can commence in right earnest.

Shifting of IL-76 aircraft squadron to Nagpur AFS

1051. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to shift the IL-76 transport aircraft squadron based at the Agra Air Force Station to Nagpur Air Force Station;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether government propose to develop Nagpur Air Force Station to accommodate this change; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Details cannot be divulged in the interest of national security.